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Q AND A'S ON SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION, TAIWAN

1. AS OTHER U.S. UNITS IN TAIWAN ARE REDUCED, SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION WILL BECOME THE LARGEST MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN THE ROC, CONSEQUENTLY, WE CAN EXPECT AN INCREASE IN PRESS INTEREST ABOUT THE AIR STATION AND ITS ACTIVITIES.

2. REQUEST CLEARANCE OF THE FOLLOWING Q AND A'S FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY:

A. Q. HOW MANY U.S. MILITARY ARE STATIONED IN TAIWAN (IN TAIPEI AREA)?

A: APPROXIMATELY 4500 (APPROXIMATELY 2800).

B. Q: WHAT UNITS ARE INVOLVED AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

A: IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. TAIWAN DEFENSE COMMAND AND THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP, THERE IS A U.S. NAVY HOSPITAL, THE HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT ACTIVITY WHICH PROVIDES ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF PEOPLE PERFORMING COMMUNICATIONS AND VARIOUS LIAISON FUNCTIONS. DOWN ISLAND, WE HAVE CARETAKER GROUPS AT CCK AND TAINAN AIR BASES AND A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE KAOHSIUNG-TSOYING AREA.

C. Q: WHAT IS SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION AND WHAT DO THE PEOPLE THERE DO?

A: IT IS A SELF-CONTAINED INSTALLATION WHICH PRIMARILY PERFORMS COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS.

D. Q: HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE STATIONED THERE?

A: APPROXIMATELY 1000.

E. Q: WHY DO YOU NEED SO MANY PEOPLE THERE?

A: AS I SAID, IT IS A SELF-CONTAINED AIR STATION AND, FOR TECHNICAL REASONS, IT IS LOCATED ON CONFIDENTIAL

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A HILLTOP FIFTEEN MILES AWAY FROM TAIPEI. AS SUCH, BEING SOMEWHAT ISOLATED, THE AIR STATION NEEDS ITS OWN SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO RUN THE DINING HALL, BARRACKS, FIRE SERVICES, LOGISTICS, MAINTENANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT. THE STAFF TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES COMPRISES A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE (APPROXIMATELY 400).

F. Q: WHAT KIND OF COMMUNICATION WORK DO THEY DO?

A: SHU LIN KOU AIR STATION PROVIDES RAPID
RADIO RELAY AND SECURE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE U.S. AND
OTHER ALLIED NATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, IT PROVIDES
MONITORING OF TRANSMISSION SECURITY PROCEDURES AND
RESEARCH INTO ELECTRONIC PHENOMENA.

G. Q: IS IT NOT A FACT THAT THEY DO ELECTRONIC
INTELLIGENCE WORK AT SHU LIN KOU, MONITORING CHINESE
COMMUNIST COMMUNICATIONS?

A: I CANNOT COMMENT ON THAT QUESTION.

3. THESE Q AND A'S HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH AMEMB
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